of the village. The School Committee and a private party have subsequently applied for permission for the opening of Lower Elementary School also and the question of granting them permission is under the consideration of the authorities."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" I am glad that the lower standards are also recognized. But is it not a fact that the order given first to the department was that permission was accorded to start the higher elementary school in the place of the de-recognized one and is it not a fact that in the spirit of the order given to the department all the eight standards can be started? If so, why was it that the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore, gave an order that only three classes can be started? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Divisional Inspector of Schools reports that in view of that, permission to open a Higher Elementary School in the locality with standards six to eight was granted by him, as there was no Higher Elementary School within a radius of four miles and children of lower classes were admitted in schools near by. This matter was reconsidered on application made and permission has been given."

Dam across Mampuzha in Kozhikode taluk.

* 1092 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to put up a dam across the Mampuzha river in Kozhikode taluk to prevent the influx of salt water into the paddy fields;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that paddy crops on about 500 acres of wet lands were destroyed as the temporary mud dam was not put up by the Public Works Department this year;

(*c*) what amount is spent annually to put up this temporary dam here; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal with the Government to put up a permanent dam here as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A temporary dam was put up this year also and maintained. But as the north-east monsoon was extremely poor this year, the level of fresh water in front of the dam was low, and that of the salt water in the rear of the dam was high. There was, therefore, leakage of salt water through the planks of the locks and whenever the lock was opened for boat traffic, some salt water entered and got mixed up with the fresh water above the dam. As the level of the water was so low, only some low-lying lands on the river margin were affected but not the large extent of high-level

lands. The extent so affected was not so large as 500 acres. The failure of monsoon this year had also its share in the destruction of the crops that occurred.

" (c) The amounts annually spent are—

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1947–48	... ...	4,594
1948–49	... ...	8,533
1949–50	... ...	3,053
1950–51	... ...	1,962
1951–52	... ...	1,583
1952–53	... ...	1,148

" (d) Yes. The proposal is under consideration."

SRI A. APPU :—" May I know, Sir, in what stage the proposal now is and has an estimate been prepared? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There was a proposal for an estimated cost of Rs. 3 lakhs; but as it was expected that it would benefit only an extent of 170 acres, that proposal was dropped. The Chief Engineer has, however, reported that the possibilities of opening a regulator bridge proposed to be constructed by the Highways department across the river will be examined when the proposals of the bridge take a definite shape."

Water-supply for Parchur firka in Bapatla taluk.

* 1093 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether steps are being taken to arrange water-supply for the Parchur firka in Bapatla taluk and relieve the scarcity of water in that firka; and

(b) the time that will be taken for the arrangement?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) During the year 1952–53, 4 works at Cherukur village, 2 works at Upputur village and 5 works, i.e., at (i) Gollapudi, (ii) Bhurayapalem, (iii) Parchur, (iv) Uppalapadu and (v) Annavaram villages in Parchur firka, were programmed for execution and out of these, two works at Cherukur were completed.

" (b) The remaining nine works will be completed during 1953–54."

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" Sir, in view of the fact that representations have been made to the Government that improvements to Parchur vagu may be made so that the water may be preserved, will the Government consider the proposal? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."